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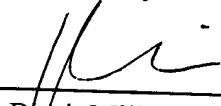
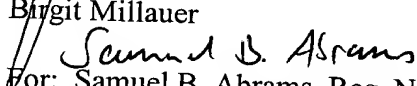
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2002, be extended for a period of 1 month(s) from July 24, 2002 to and including August 26, 2002 (the Monday following Saturday, August 24, 2002).

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$110.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 9584-006-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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